

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CALLED MEETING
MARCH 2, 2018

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting on Friday, March 2, 2018 at 11:00 am. The purpose of the meeting was to open sealed bid for the remodeling of the inside of the former USDA building, labor only and to act on replacing the heat pump at the Senior Center; roof for the Health Department; and roof for the Road Department sign storage building.

Members present were Leland Adams, Chad Kenney, Greg Palmer and Clarence Thomas.

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order.

Chairman Adams opened the sealed bid for the remodeling of the former USDA building located at 301 South Richardson Street. The bids were:

H. T. Remodeling	\$6,650.00
Bryson Builders	\$8,300.00
Braddy Construction	\$9,665.00

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to accept the bid from H. T. Remodeling for \$6,650.00, seconded by Commissioner Kenney. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Palmer stated that his vote was conditional by voting in favor of the motion if H. T. Remodeling had the required credentials.

The heating / cooling unit at the Senior Citizens building needs replacing. The following quotes were submitted:

Alexander Brothers	\$4,500.00
River's	\$4,775.00
AirTech	\$5,925.00

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to accept Alexander Brother's quote for \$4,500.00 to replace the system, seconded by Commissioner Thomas. Motion carried unanimously.

The roofs at the Health Department and Road Department sign storage building need to be replaced. The following quotes were submitted:

Bryson Builders	\$15,452.00
Ray Edge	\$15,760.00
H. T. Remodeling	\$24,000.00

After further discussion and review of the quotes, the commissioners agreed to advertise a request for proposals.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 12, 2018

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Monday, March 12, 2018 at 5:30 pm. Members present were Leland Adams, Chad Kenney, Greg Palmer and Clarence Thomas.

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order. The invocation was led by Donnie Daniels, followed by the pledge to the flag.

Chairman Adams opened the floor for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Kenney made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Thomas. The Chairman opened the floor for discussion. Hearing no discussion, Commissioners Adams, Kenney and Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Palmer voted against the motion because he said he was not given a chance to say anything concerning the agenda before a motion was made. Motion carried.

On the approval of the minutes, Commissioner Palmer made a motion to strike the 'smart-ass' comment he made from the February regular meeting minutes and to clarify that the reason he wanted County Manager Brandon Braddy to move to another location was so Commissioner Palmer could carry on a conversation with Chairman Adams without County Manager Braddy interrupting. Commissioners Adams and Palmer voted in favor of the motion. Commissioners Kenney and Thomas opposed. Motion failed due to lack of a majority vote. Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the called and regular meeting minutes, with the clarification of the reason Commissioner Palmer wanted County Manager Braddy to move to another location and to leave the 'smart-ass' comment in because Commissioner Thomas said he heard Commissioner Palmer make the comment. Motion carried unanimously.

Appearing before the Board was Debbie Evans from the Toombs-Montgomery Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Evans gave the Board an update on the Chamber's activities including the 2018 Toombs-Montgomery Leadership Class graduation March 23rd and Showcasing Toombs-Montgomery on May 11th.

County Attorney Paul Cook introduced Candler County Attorney Kendell Gross. Mr. Gross discussed the opioid epidemic. Mr. Gross informed the Board there is a multi-district lawsuit being brought against pharmaceutical companies. Toombs and Candler Counties are joining this lawsuit. A firm from Athens is spear heading the lawsuit. A resolution will be needed if the Commissioners decide to join this lawsuit.

Ruth Stewart appeared before the Board requesting a reimbursement on the cost of replacing a tire because she said she hit a pothole on the Alston-Center Road causing her tire to blow out. The Board informed Mrs. Stewart it was the County's policy not to make reimbursements for road hazards. Mrs. Stewart told the Board they would be hearing from her attorney.

Under Reports, Recreation Director Steve McLeod informed the Board that Basketball was in full swing and there were 75 kids enrolled in the program and Baseball will be starting up in about a month.

Jonathan Holland from the Toombs-Montgomery EMS reported there were 66 calls in Montgomery County in February and the EMS is in the process of upgrading their ventilation equipment on the ambulances. The EMS will be on site for the Uvalda Farm Festival on March 24th.

EMA Director Donnie Daniels reported there were 16 first responder calls and 8 fire calls in the County in February. Director Daniels reported the Hyper Reach agreement was renewed for another year and citizens could sign up for notifications of bad weather. Director Daniels also reminded the Board of the Region 8 EMA meeting on April 11 at 10:30 am at Brewton Parker.

Road Superintendent Milton Fountain reported the Road Department held a safety meeting in February 2018 with the topic being 'Drop Cord Safety' with 10 employees at the meeting. There were no accidents to report in February.

The Board reviewed the work orders and projects list.

The Board reviewed the financial and accounts payable reports.

Under New Business, County Manager Braddy updated the Board on the Digital Radio System. The study should be complete and ready by the end of the month.

Under Old Business, the Board agreed to adopt the Emergency CallWorks Agreement on a motion by Commissioner Palmer, seconded by Commissioner Thomas. This is an annual agreement for \$12,276.56 for the E-911 software support. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Commissioner Palmer, seconded by Commissioner Kenney the Board agreed to adopt the EZ-911 agreement. This is an annual agreement for \$5,436.00 for the E-911 maintenance CAD/Mapping. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board agreed to adopt the University of Georgia 2019 contract for the 4-H Program Assistant on a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Kenney. Motion carried unanimously.

After reviewing a draft board appointment application and making some changes, the Board agreed to approve this form and place it on the web-site on a motion by Commissioner Palmer, seconded by Commissioner Kenney. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Kenney proposed and read a Code of Conduct Ordinance pertaining to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Palmer had some questions which he said may remove another item on the agenda. Commissioner Palmer inquired about which employees falls under the Employee Handbook. He was informed that everyone except the Tax Assessors, and Elected officials and their employees unless they agree for their employees to fall under the

handbook. Commissioner Palmer also asked which employees fell under a certain section of the handbook.

Commissioner Palmer asked who could propose a county ordinance? Commissioner Palmer asked if the need for the Conduct Ordinance was discussed in a legal Commissioner's meeting. When told any Commissioner, Commissioner Palmer stated he would have two for the next meeting. Commissioner Williamson was not present at the meeting, so the ordinance was tabled.

Commissioner Palmer asked if all employees that fall under the employee handbook must obtain a building permit. Chairman Adams replied yes.

County Manager Braddy informed the Board he had received an open records request from Doug and Gail Story for any minutes, resolutions and legal documents regarding the Commissioners selling Montgomery County's charter to Fulton County. County Manager Braddy replied to Mr. & Mr. Story's request stating no such documents existed relating to this matter. Mr. and Mrs. Story stated in their request that Commissioner Palmer had approached them at the First Baptist Church of Mount Vernon stating the commissioners were considering selling the charter. During the discussion, Commissioner Palmer alleged that County Manager Braddy had told him years earlier when Mr. Braddy was a Commissioner that merging with Toombs County would be the best thing for Montgomery County. County Manager Braddy adamantly denied ever making such a comment. Doug Story said he worked all the time and minded his own business, but he had concerns about Commissioner Palmer's claims that the County's charter was being sold. County Attorney Paul Cook stated that Montgomery County does not have a charter. Counties are established by Constitution and have no charter. Also, the county has an enabling act adopted by the Georgia General Assembly.

On a motion by Commissioner Kenney, seconded by Commissioner Thomas the Board went into Executive Session at 7:16 pm to discuss legal matters. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:30 pm on a motion by Commissioner Palmer, seconded by Commissioner Kenney. Motion carried unanimously.

There was no action taken from the Executive Session.

Under Public Comment, Scott Rudd from J & S Produce apologized for failing to get a building permit before starting a project on Brandon Braddy's property. Mr. Rudd also stated if he is fined for failing to get the permit first, he wants the records showing where anyone else that failed to get a building permit before starting construction was fined.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm on a motion by Commissioner Kenney, seconded by Commissioner Thomas. Motion carried unanimously.

